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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-7, 11, 15, 16, 18, 24, 25 (As presented by the examiner).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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Office Action Introduction

This office action is in response to the amendments of 8/21/2006. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 11, 15, 16, 18, 24 and 25 are allowed.

Response to Amendment

In response to the remarks made with respect to Claims 5-7 and 11, the amendments made to Claim 5 makes the claim fall in the elected species group and is in accordance with the election /restriction requirement.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 11, 15, 16, 18, 24 and 25 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

A swash plate type variable displacement compressor connected to an external drive source for compressing refrigerant gas that contains lubricating oil comprising:

- a cylinder block defining a cylinder bore;
- a housing fixed to the cylinder block, the housing defining a crank chamber, a suction chamber and a discharge chamber;
- a drive shaft supported by the housing and the cylinder block for rotation, the drive shaft being driven by the external drive source, the drive shaft having an axis;
- a swash plate supported by the drive shaft in the crank chamber so as to rotate integrally with the drive shaft, the swash plate being inclinable with respect to the axis of the drive shaft, an inclination angle of the swash plate being varied in accordance with the pressure in the crank chamber;

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a piston accommodated in the cylinder bore so as to define a compression chamber in the cylinder bore, the piston being coupled to the swash plate, the rotation of the swash plate being converted into the reciprocating movement of the piston, displacement of the compressor being varied by the reciprocation of the piston in accordance with the inclination angle of the swash plate;

a control mechanism for controlling pressure in the crank chamber, the control mechanism including a bleed passage that interconnects the crank chamber with the suction chamber for decreasing the pressure in the crank chamber; and

a communication path for interconnecting the crank chamber with the compression chamber only while the inclination angle of the swash plate is substantially the maximum inclination angle and the piston is located substantially at its bottom dead center.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vikansha S. Dwivedi whose telephone number is 571-272-7834. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy S. Thorpe can be reached on 571-272-4444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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